the depressed class members not to vote for him, they solidly voted for him knowing his sympathy for them. During the last nine years of my membership of this Council, whenever I had occasion to consult him, I was able to get the best advice from him. Apart from that, his work as Special Officer has been much appreciated and his advice has been considered to be very valuable. It is a great pity that it is not given to him to see the new Reforms in operation. With these few words I associate myself with the feelings expressed in this House on this motion."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN :—" Mr. President, after the speech of Dr. Subbarayan which shows how popular Mr. Foulkes was with all sections of Indians, I need not rise to speak at all ; but still, I think as a Muhammadan, I should also say a word. Sir, his popularity was not confined to any one section or two ; all the people, especially of Madura, loved him as one of them. In fact it was difficult to imagine that he was a non-Indian. He was in India for such a length of time and he identified himself with Indian interests so much that but for his colour he would have been rightly considered an Indian. Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the other speakers and express the personal loss that all of us in this House as well as outside feel at the death of Mr. Foulkes."

The motion was put and carried *nem. con*, the whole House standing.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Prisons and Prisoners

Representations for the transfer to Bengal of Mr. Mukundalal Sircar, a prisoner confined in the Central Jail at Salem.

* 218 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any applications or oral representations have been received recently for the transfer of Mr. Mukundalal Sircar, a prisoner in the Central Jail at Salem, to any of the Bengal jails ; if so, when and from whom ;

(*b*) what orders have been passed thereon and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table ;

(*c*) if the Government have objected to the transfer, what the reasons are therefor ;

(*d*) what the full and aggregate term is of imprisonment he was sentenced to ;

(*e*) what the names are of prisons in this Presidency in which he has been so far kept and what the term is of his detention in each of the said prisons ; and

(*f*) what his weights were at the time of admission in and at the time of leaving each prison and what his present weight is?

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A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

(*d*) Four years and two months.

(*e*)—

Names of prisons.		Term of detention.
The Penitentiary, Madras	..	24th to 25th April 1934.
The Central Jail, Vellore	..	26th April to 20th July 1934.
Do. Salem	..	21st July 1934 up to date.

(*f*)	LB.
Weight on admission to the Penitentiary	117
Weight on transfer from the Penitentiary	117
Weight on admission to the Central Jail, Vellore ...	110
Weight on transfer from the Central Jail, Vellore ...	104
Weight on admission to the Central Jail, Salem ...	104
Present weight	108

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know Sir, whether the prisoner himself did not make any representation for his transfer to any of the Bengal jails?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"Not that I know of, Sir."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the Government called for a medical report as to what caused reduction in weight?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"I think there is sufficient material on record to show that it is not due to any outside cause. As a matter of fact, in the later stages, he has been improving."

Health condition of Mr. Mukundalal Sircar, a prisoner in jail.

* 219 *Q.*—Mrs. A. RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Mukundalal Sircar has lost considerably in weight and consequently his health has deteriorated;

(*b*) what his weight was on the day of admission into the jail; and what his present weight is;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that he was given 'A' class formerly; and

(*d*) what the reasons are for changing his classification?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*f*) of question No. 218.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*d*) of question No. 1004 answered at the Legislative Council on 23rd March 1935.

(*d*) Under the instructions of the Government of India, no prisoner is eligible for 'A' class, if he is convicted of offences relating to the possession of firearms and other dangerous weapons. Mukundalal Sircar is a prisoner coming under this category.